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Pamplin, May 20.- Mr. [illegible] Jamerson and [illegible] Lynchburg; Mr. and [illegible], of Germany, and [illegible] of New York, and [illegible] Adams, of Pamplin were visitors of Mrs. Daisy [illegible] family.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Williams, of [illegible] dinner guests of Mr. [illegible] Williams Sunday.

Mrs. Cobb was dinner [illegible] daughter and son-in-[illegible] Mrs. E. T. Jamerson.

Mrs. Alfred Morris and [illegible] Mr. and Mrs. Douglas [illegible] Lynchburg, were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. [illegible]

Mr. R. E. Pankey, Mrs. [illegible] and Miss Sandra [illegible] Mr. and Mrs. H .P. [illegible] family Sunday.

Mr. [illegible] Cash, of Richmond visited his wife here Sunday.

Mrs. [illegible] Williams and Eleanor Gardner have the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wood, of Charlottesville visited her mother here Sunday.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Jamerson were Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Speer and his mother; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pankey and children, of Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Jamerson, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jamerson and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Slayton and son, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jamerson and family, Dr. and Mrs. C. H. McCall and Mrs. June Wood.

Mrs. A. R. Southall, Sr. is spending this week in Bon Air with her son's family, Billy W. Southall, who will be in Chicago for a week on business.

Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson, Miss Cassie Baldwin, and Mrs. L. M. Southall visited Mrs. D. R. Inge Saturday. Mrs. Inge has been ill. We are glad to know that she is convalescing at this writing

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Morocco said to defer pact on U. S. bases.

Highway program's value to the economy debated.

Navy balloon lands after rising to 40,000 feet.

Briton here finds too much delinquency talk.

Breaking of bread opens U. S. Trade Fair.

Control of imports suggested for textile industry.

Rise in competition reported in insurance industry.

American Assembly urges African self-determination.

Soviet Excursion

Capetown, South Africa.- The three-masted Russian schooner Zarja has dropped anchor off Capetown with eight Soviet scientists aboard, including a woman, who are studying the earth's magnetic field. The Zarja will end her voyage at Vladivostok, a Soviet Pacific port, in January.

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Life Insurance Investments Upped During Past Year

NEW YORK — The five East North Central States showed the largest regional dollar gain in life insurance investments in the most recent analysis released today by the Life Insurance Association of America.

The analysis, covering investments by geographic region at the start of last year for companies representing 86 per cent of total life insurance funds, showed a one year rise in these five states of $534,805,000. This brought total life insurance investments in these states of the companies surveyed to $14,965,773,000, nearly double the investment at the end of World War II.

The three Pacific States accounted for the second largest gain, the year's increase of $763,091,000 bringing total investments in the region to $9,312,968,000, about three times the 1945 figure.

In the four West South Central States, the year's increase was $620,117,000 and the new aggregate $8,797,723,000, up about 180 per cent from 1945.

In the three Middle Atlantic States, which lead the United States regionally in total life insurance ownership, the year's increase in life insurance investments was $383,985,000, bringing aggregate investments of the life companies to $14,218,915,000 or about 80 per cent over the 1945 figure.

Alfalfa Club Is Just For Fun Group

WASHINGTON—Ever since the days when Washington notables wore beards and [illegible] they've gathered once [illegible] to let down their hair.

Medium for the high jinks is the Alfalfa Club, with a membership limited to 150 of the nation's top diplomatic, executive, congressional, judicial, military, business, and professional men. They uphold tradition with an annual banquet, and with less formal get-togethers throughout the year.

The President, Vice President, and a quorum of the Cabinet are among Alfalfa's members. A World War II hero named Dwight D. Eisenhower was admitted to membership 12 years ago, long before destiny led him to the White House.

Despite its "Who's Who" composition, the club has no purpose beyond convivial fun. In a city where politics is a pervading, tensely serious business 364 days a year, the annual dinners give members an opportunity to forget political lines and lightly jibe at each other.

Climax of each Alfalfa banquet is a mock political convention. Members choose their own candidates for President of the United States. Needless to say, no candidate of the Alfalfa Party has ever garnered a single electoral vote—though many members have reached high office by both the Democratic and Republican routes.

Egypt's Sphinx Gets Beauty Treatment

WASHINGTON — There's nothing inscrutable about the Sphinx's present smile. The 4,500-year-old lady is getting a facial.

The Egyptian Department of Antiquities recently began cleaning and restoring the magnificent monument—an object of speculation, admiration, and mutilation since prehistoric times.

This is not the first time that the mysterious guardian of the pyramids has needed urgent care. King Thutmose IV ordered repairs some 3,500 years ago. It has received beauty treatments several times in the 19th and 20th centuries.

By and large, however, the colossus with a human head and lion's body has admirably weathered the erosion of old age and sand.

Insecurity Is Often Cause of Insomnia

CHICAGO — Physical contact—even if it's only your own hand touching your leg—helps overcome sleeplessness by providing a feeling of security, according to an Indiana sleep researcher.

Donald A. Laird, Ph. D., Lebanon, Ind., an industrial psychologist, said sleeplessness is frequently caused by some type of anxiety that keeps the person so "vigilant" that he can't go to sleep.

Mountains at Sea

WASHINGTON — The Atlantic Ocean hides the world's mightiest range of mountains, winding beneath the cold waters from Antarctica to the Arctic. Although peaks of the submerged chain average 10,000 feet, only the loftiest pinnacles emerge as islands above the sea.

Locust Grove

Locust Grove, May 20.- Mrs. Lula Beale spent Friday of last week in Lynchburg with her son, James Beale. She also visited her sister, Mrs. Ida Beale, who has just returned from the hospital, and is now getting on fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Kannery and children, of Clifton Forge spent several days of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Walker Beale. Others visiting them Saturday afternoon were Mrs. Helen Kern, Mrs. Vera Moore and daughter, Jane.

Friends are sorry to hear that Mrs. Alice Grow is critically ill. Also sorry to hear of the continued illness of Mr .Reuben Bryant.

Friends were sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Walter Bryant, and extend sympathy to the bereaved family. Mrs. Lula Beale and son, Bennie Beale attended the funeral Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Beale and Mr. Tank, of Lynchburg spent Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Beale. Mrs. Lula Beale was dinner guests in this home Sunday.

Sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Hettie Riley, and extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

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